Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	**Application No.** 10/684,986	**Applicant(s)** LAKE, JOHN M.	
	Examiner Oanh Duong	**Art Unit** 2155	

All Participants:

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Status of Application: _____

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(4) _____.

Date of Interview: *12 October 2006*   **Time:** _____

Type of Interview:
☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant   ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes   ☐ No
  If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
Examiner suggested applicant(s) to amend claims (see attached) in order to place the application under condition for allowance.

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

PATRICE WINDER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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(Examiner/SPE Signature)	(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

1.   (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method of managing instant messenger list[[s]], said method comprising:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to a user, wherein the selected one or more calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the selected one or more calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts of the selected one or more calendar entries;

~~receiving, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

adding the ~~received~~ retrieved contact data to [[a]] the ~~buddy~~ instant messenger list associated with ~~a user's~~ an instant messaging computer application used by the user;

selecting one of the contacts added to the user's ~~buddy~~ instant messenger list;

establishing an instant messaging session with the selected contact;

creating [[a]] one or more buddy groups within the user's ~~buddy~~ instant messenger list by automatically adding the contacts to the one or more buddy groups, wherein the created one or more buddy groups corresponds to [[a]] the selected one or more calendar entries ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user~~;

storing the retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data received includes the contacts' information;

identifying that at least one of the contacts added to the user's instant messenger list is a temporary contact;

storing an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration dates stored for the temporary contacts; and

in response to the comparison, removing the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~selecting the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

~~retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.~~

2.   (canceled)

6.   (canceled)

9.   (Currently Amended)   An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by the one or more processors;

a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network;

a software tool for managing <u>an</u> instant messenger list[[s]], the software tool including software <u>embedded in the memory, when executed by the processor,</u> effective to:

<u>select, by a user, one or more calendar entries from a user's electronic calendar, wherein the selected one or more calendar entries appear highlighted;</u>

<u>retrieve, from the selected one or more calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts of the selected one or more calendar entries;</u>

~~receive, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

add the ~~received~~ <u>retrieved</u> contact data to [[a]] ~~buddy~~ <u>the instant messenger</u> list associated with a user's instant messaging computer application <u>used by the user</u>;

select one of the contacts added to the user's ~~buddy~~ <u>instant messenger</u> list; ~~and~~

establish an instant messaging session with the selected <u>one of the</u> contact<u>s</u>;

create [[a]] <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u> within the user's ~~buddy~~ <u>instant messenger</u> list <u>by automatically adding the contacts to the one or more buddy groups</u>, wherein the created <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u> corresponds to [[a]] <u>the</u> selected <u>one or more</u> calendar entries ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user~~;

<u>store the retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data received includes the contacts' information;</u>

periodically compare a current date to expiration dates stored for temporary contacts; and

in response to the comparison, remove the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date associated with the has occurred.

prior to the reception of the contact data:

select the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and

retrieve, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and

subsequent to the reception of the contact data:

store the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.

10.   (canceled)

14.   (canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable storage media for managing instant messenger list[[s]], said computer program product comprising software effective to:

selecting, by the user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to a user, wherein the selected one or more calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the selected one or more calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts of the selected one or more calendar entries;

~~receiving, from one or more computerized sources, contact data corresponding to a plurality of contacts;~~

adding the received contact data to ~~a buddy~~ <u>an instant messenger</u> list associated with ~~a user's~~ <u>an</u> instant messaging computer application <u>used by the user</u>;

selecting one of the contacts added to the user's ~~buddy~~ <u>instant messenger</u> list;

establishing an instant messaging session with the selected contact;

creating [[a]] <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u> within the user's ~~buddy~~ <u>instant messenger</u> list <u>automatically adding the contacts to the one or more buddy groups</u>, wherein the created <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u> corresponds to [[a]] <u>the</u> selected <u>one or more</u> calendar <u>entries</u> ~~entry from an electronic calendar corresponding to the user~~<u>;</u>

<u>storing the received contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data received includes the contacts' information;</u>

<u>identifying that at least one of the contacts added to the user's instant messenger list is a temporary contact;</u>

<u>storing an expiration date corresponding to each of the temporary contacts;</u>

<u>periodically comparing a current date to the expiration dates stored for the temporary contacts; and</u>

<u>in response to the comparison, removing the contact data corresponding the temporary contacts when the expiration date has occurred.</u>

~~prior to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~selecting the calendar entry from the user's electronic calendar; and~~

~~retrieving, from the selected calendar entry, calendar data that includes participant information for participants of the selected calendar entry; and~~

~~subsequent to the reception of the contact data:~~

~~storing the received contact data in the buddy group, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information.~~

18.   (canceled)

22.   (canceled)

25.   (canceled)

26.   (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of managing instant messenger list[[s]], said method comprising:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to a user, wherein the selected one or more calendar entries appear highlighted;

retrieving, from the selected one or more calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts of the selected one or more calendar entries;

creating [[a]] one or more buddy groups within [[a]] the user's buddy list by automatically adding the contacts to the one or more buddy groups, wherein the created one or more buddy groups corresponds to [[a]] the one or more selected calendar entries ~~entry~~ from ~~an~~ the electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application;

identifying an expiration date of the buddy group, the expiration date derived from a date of the selected one or more calendar entries ~~entry~~;

retrieving, from the selected <u>one or more</u> calendar <u>entries</u> entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected <u>one or more</u> calendar entry <u>entries</u>;

storing the received <u>retrieved</u> contact data in the <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u>, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date corresponding to the <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u>; and

removing the <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u>, including the contact data added to the <u>one or more</u> buddy group<u>s</u>, in response to the comparison.

27.   (canceled)

28.   (Currently amended) An information handling system comprising:

one or more processors;

a memory accessible by the <u>one or more</u> processors;

a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network;

a software tool for managing instant messenger list[[s]], the software tool including software effective to:

<u>select, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to a user, wherein the selected one or more calendar entries appear highlighted;</u>

<u>retrieve, from the selected one or more calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts of the selected one or more calendar entries;</u>

create [[a]] one or more buddy groups within a user's buddy list by automatically adding the contacts to the one or more buddy groups, wherein the created one or more buddy groups corresponds to [[a]] the selected one or more calendar entries entry from [[an]] the electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application;

identify an expiration date of the buddy one or more groups, the expiration date derived from a date of the selected one or more calendar entries entry;

retrieve, from the selected one or more calendar entires entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected one or more calendar entry entries;

store the received retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data received retrieved includes the participant information;

periodically compare a current date to the expiration date corresponding to the one or more buddy groups; and

remove the one or more buddy groups, including the contact data added to the one or more buddy groups, in response to the comparison.

29.   (canceled)

30.   (previously presented) A computer program product stored on a computer operable storage media for managing instant messenger list[[s]], said computer program product comprising software effective to:

selecting, by a user, one or more calendar entries from an electronic calendar that corresponds to a user, wherein the selected one or more calendar entries appear highlighted;

in response to the selecting step, retrieving, from the selected one or more calendar entries, calendar data that includes contact data for a plurality of contacts of the selected one or more calendar entries;

creating [[a]] one or more buddy groups within [[a]] the user's buddy list by automatically adding the contacts to the one or more buddy groups, wherein the created one or more buddy groups corresponds to [[a]] the one or more selected calendar entries entry from an the electronic calendar corresponding to the user, and wherein the user's buddy list is associated with an instant messaging computer application;

identifying an expiration date of the buddy group, the expiration date derived from a date of the selected one or more calendar entries entry;

retrieving, from the selected one or more calendar entries entry, calendar data that includes contact data for participants of the selected one or more calendar entry entries;

storing the received retrieved contact data in the one or more buddy groups, wherein the contact data received includes the participant information;

periodically comparing a current date to the expiration date corresponding to the one or more buddy groups; and

removing the one or more buddy groups, including the contact data added to the one or more buddy groups, in response to the comparison.